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Baling in the Periyar irrigation system.

* 111 Q.—MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether baling is a recognized method of irrigation in Periyar irrigation system; and

(b) if so, why permission for baling to certain lands and gardens under the channel or tank or on the margin of the waterspread of the tank is refused?

A.—(a) The Periyar sytem is designed to work with direct flow. Baling is therefore not a recognized factor in the system.

(b) Does not arise.

MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—“With regard to clause (a), may I know whether baling is allowed in certain cases at least in the Periyar system?”

The hon. MR. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“It might have been allowed as a matter of practice, but it is not recognised that baling can be allowed as a question of right.”

MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—“Is any special tax imposed in such cases?”

The hon. MR. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“Notice, Sir.”

MR. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER :—“In answer to a question which I put last time, the Government admitted that there was supply of water in the Periyar system for further extension of irrigation up to 10,000 acres or so. Do not Government consider that baling is a more economical way of irrigation? What is the objection of the Government in allowing this baling?”

The hon. MR. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“Baling is economical for the parties concerned perhaps, but it may give rise to very serious positions if by baling water is taken away elsewhere from quarters which are entitled to water.”

MR. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER :—“The extent may be limited by permission in each case, because we have experience of such conditions allowed in certain areas in channels and river margins where permission is given for baling; and the Engineering Department can very well support my view that baling is more economical as it restricts itself to a certain area, and the area which can be commanded by baling would not be of a very large extent. So why not baling be allowed? It would not in any way lessen the supply to the existing lands as it has already been admitted that there is enough supply for further extension of irrigation up to 10,000 acres.”

The hon. MR. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“That theory will be investigated by the Chief Engineer, Sir.”

Agreement regarding Nilayur channel in Madura district.

* 112 Q.—MR. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether an agreement was entered into between the Government and the ryots with regard to Nilayur channel in Madura district;

(b) if so, whether the Government will lay on the table a copy of the agreement;

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(c) whether it is a fact that the Government have taken the control and regulation of water-supply of the channel, contrary to the terms of the agreement, if any ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government have imposed a special tax called kudimaramat tax of As. 9-4 per acre for fasli 1333 in addition to the tax of As. 3 per acre already existing ; if so, the reason for the same ;

(e) how many years have elapsed since any maramat of the channel has taken place ;

(f) whether it is a fact that there was no water-supply last year and the assessment for fasli 1333 was cancelled ;

(g) whether the tank in Nilayur which used to be filled with the water of the channel gets the same supply now ; and

(h) if not, whether the Government are considering the question of erecting a stone culvert with shutters at the head of the channel and connecting the channel with Sithanai ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Government have no information as to the agreement referred to.

(d) & (f) Government have no information.

(e) It is reported that estimates have been sanctioned for improvements and repairs and that the works are being completed.

(g) & (h) It is understood that there is trouble in getting supplies to the tail end of the channel. Improvements are under consideration.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—“ With regard to clause (a) on the matter of agreement between Government and the ryots, will Government be pleased to call for the information ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Yes.”

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—“ With regard to clause (e), may I know the nature of the improvements and repairs which are being effected ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ When we call for the information we shall place a list of the works and their nature on the table.”

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—“ With regard to clauses (g) and (h) it is stated that there is trouble in getting supplies to the tail end of channels. May I know the nature of the trouble ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ That water does not go there ; that is all (laughter).”

Drag line excavator in Godavari Western delta.

* 113 Q.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) if the Government are aware that a drag line excavator was brought to work on the Yenamadurru drain in the Godavari Western delta two years ago and that it has not commenced to work ;

(b) the cost of the excavator and its maintenance charges for the last two years ;

(c) to what work its cost has been debited ; and

(d) whether it was found that it cannot be used to work the drain ?